

LEASE LOT CONVEYANCE ACT OF
2002

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 19, 2002

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 706, the Lease Lot Conveyance Act of 2002 introduced by my good friend Representative Joe Skeen.

Let me begin by saying that the citizens of Sierra County, where this legislation is targeted, have been well represented by Chairman SKEEN for the past 22 years. As a member of the House Resources Committee, it was a pleasure for me to support H.R. 706 during its committee process and a greater pleasure for me to support it today as the House prepares to vote on its passage.

This legislation seeks to correct a situation that began on the Elephant Butte Reservoir in the 1930's. The Federal Government offered citizens the opportunity to build recreational homes on land leased from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. The covenants in the lease required leaseholders to make substantial investments on the four hundred sites released under the program. All leaseholders hoped that one day the government would privatize the land and offer it for sale. Because that has not occurred, this bill allows current leaseholders the opportunity to purchase the land.

Mr. Charles Ward, President of the Elephant Butte/Caballo Leaseholders Association, who testified before the Resources Committee last year said, "Our hold on the lease lots we call 'home' is tenuous, at best. We are all acutely aware we can be removed at any time due to a clause in our lease agreement which states, if the government determines there is a greater need for these lots, they can give us a 60 day notice and we must return our lease lots to their original condition."

These homeowners deserve to know that their lease fees will not increase, and deserve to have the safety and security of a permanent home. As far as I am concerned, this is a critical economic development issue for the citizens of Sierra County in Congressman SKEEN's district.

Again, it is a pleasure to support this legislation. I look forward to working with Chairman SKEEN, during this second session of the 107th Congress on mutual issues that are of benefit to the people of New Mexico.

INTRODUCTION OF VOTES FOR
WOMEN HISTORY TRAIL ACT**HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2002

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Women's History Month by introducing an important new bill: the Votes for Women History Trail Act.

I have the great privilege to represent in Congress the City of Rochester, New York, and its suburbs—a region considered by many to be the cradle of the women's rights movement. Rochester was the proud home of Susan B. Anthony; her close friends and fel-

low suffragists, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott, lived nearby. Prominent civil rights activists like Frederick Douglass and Harriet Tubman, who also supported women's rights ardently, moved to the region and spent most of their adult lives there.

In 1848, the First Women's Rights Convention was held in Seneca Falls, New York. Reflecting upon this remarkable event never fails to inspire me. After only a week of planning and notice, over three hundred men and women from all over the region converged on Seneca Falls for the "Woman's Rights Convention." This event heralded the beginning of a movement that would yield to women the right to vote 72 years later, and signal an ongoing struggle for equity in the home, in the workplace, and before the law.

Today, the site of the First Women's Rights Convention is the home of the Women's Rights National Historical Park, a respected unit of the National Park Service. Nearby are other important sites, such as the Hunt House, where the Declaration of Sentiments was drafted, and the M'Clintock House. Within an hour's drive, we find a host of other places important in women's history—the Harriet Tubman Home for the Aging in Auburn, the Matilda Joselyn Gage House in Fayetteville, and the Ontario County Courthouse in Canandaigua, where Susan B. Anthony was put on trial for the crime of voting.

I am proud to introduce today legislation that would link all of these sites in a way that will benefit students, scholars, and visitors alike. The Votes for Women History Trail Act directs the National Park Service (NPS) to establish an auto route connecting these various sites. The trail would be established in accordance with the recommendations contained in an NPS feasibility report funded by Congress.

This trail will allow tourists, educators, and others to connect the many sites and events critical to women's history and place them in context. It will also serve as a new tourist destination for the region, bolstering the flagging economy. Finally, it will give well-deserved prominence to the importance of women's history for our region and our nation as a whole.

I am proud to sponsor this new initiative, and I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting the Votes for Women History Trail Act. I look forward to working with the Resources Committee to ensure its timely consideration and passage.

A TRIBUTE TO MARY PINOLA,
27TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR—2002**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2002

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's most notable women during the month of March and it is my honor to not only recognize women of the past but to also recognize women who are making a difference in my community. While a month of remembrance is certainly not sufficient, I am honored today to pay homage to such women as Eleanor Roosevelt, Sandra Day O'Connor, Harriet Tubman, Sally Ride and all

the women of my Congressional District, whose contributions have made a profound difference in the face and fabric of our nation.

It is my distinct honor to recognize the personal achievements of one of California's 27th Congressional District's most outstanding women. Mary Pinola has dedicated over 20 years of service to this community and it is an honor to recognize her for her continued efforts in support of so many worthwhile organizations and foundations.

Mary received her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from California State University, Long Beach and later received from the same university, a Master of Arts degree in Speech-Communication. She completed her education by receiving her Ph.D. in Education from the University of Southern California. Mary currently serves as the Director of Development for the AAF Rose Bowl Aquatics Center and has served as the Director of Community Relations for Verdugo Hills Hospital, as an Adjunct Lecturer at California State University, Long Beach and as a High School Speech and English Teacher at Arroyo High School in El Monte, California.

Over the years, Mary has dedicated herself to founding and joining groups and organizations that truly make a positive and lasting impact on the community. Along with her husband Charles Kenny, she is a founding member of the La Cañada Educational Foundation, a Member of the Board of Directors of the Roger Barkley Community Center, and has served as the chair of countless numbers of charitable fundraisers.

More recently, Mary has been the driving force behind raising funds for the Mary Pinola/Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce Educational Endowment Fund. The Fund gives annual grants to educational programs throughout the Crescenta Valley. This year, the Fund grew to \$66,000 and has been invested in a Donor Advised Account with the Glendale Community Foundation to ensure a legacy of charitable gifts. She has also been instrumental in raising funds for the Outdoor Science Laboratory at La Cañada Elementary School, which will be completed in the fall of 2002.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an outstanding and extraordinary woman of California's 27th Congressional District, Ms. Mary Pinola. The entire community joins me in thanking Mary for her continued efforts to make the 27th Congressional District a place of extraordinary, selfless giving.

IN HONOR OF DR. DONALD N.
LANGENBERG**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2002

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, on April 30, Dr. Donald N. Langenberg, who has served as chancellor of the University System of Maryland for more than a decade, will retire after a lifetime of service to higher education.

Dr. Langenberg has left a mark in academe as few others have. As chancellor of the University System of Maryland, he has overseen the emergence of a nationally recognized public university system, with top-ranked programs, unprecedented levels of state funding,